

These tips are offered in an effort to provide better snow-removal service to the public. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the County Road yard nearest your residence.

ANGELUS OAKS (Yard 5).....	(909) 387-8073
BIG BEAR (Yard 9).....	(909) 866-2167
BLUE JAY (Yard 8).....	(909) 336-7509
CRESTLINE (Yard 7).....	(909) 338-2140
FOREST FALLS (Yard 5).....	(909) 387-8073
LYTLE CREEK (Yard 3).....	(909) 823-8811
MT. BALDY/CHINO (Yard 1).....	(909) 823-7514
RUNNING SPRINGS (Yard 4)....	(909) 867-3683
WRIGHTWOOD (Yard 11).....	(760) 949-0335

Road Yard supervisors are usually only available by telephone between the hours of 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. At other times, they are working in the field. However, you may leave a message on the telephone answering machine.

Emergency calls may be directed to the Department of Public Works (909) 387-8063 or the County Communications Center at (909) 356-3805 after 5:00 p.m. weekdays or on weekends and holidays.



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MESSAGE FROM THE
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Snow-removal operations are part of the County road budget which is financed through our share of State allocations from gasoline sales taxes and vehicle registration fees. Over 2,800 miles of County roads must be maintained throughout the year with these rather limited funds.

The necessity for serving mountain-area residents in a comparatively short, but devastating snow season can seriously affect the road maintenance program for the entire County. We ask your patience and understanding during these times.

- NOTICE -
- BARK BEETLE TREE REMOVAL -
Do not store tree removal equipment, logs, etc. within the County road right-of-way during snow season. This creates a hazard to the traveling public and to County personnel and equipment performing snow removal operations.

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IMPORTANT SNOW TIPS

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Tips To Help
Yourself During
The Snow Season



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1. **DRIVEWAYS.** Unless you have to get out of your driveway immediately, save yourself some shoveling chores. San Bernardino County snow-removal crews make at least two passes on each side of the road. Wait until the second pass before opening your driveway. If conditions are extremely cold, it may be necessary to shovel after both passes to prevent the berm from freezing over.
2. **SHOVELING DRIVEWAY.** When shoveling out your driveway, throw the snow to the right as you look toward the road and you'll be following the snowplow's pattern. If you throw it to the left, the plow will bring part of it back into the driveway on the next round. Snowplows remove snow from left to right.
3. **CUL-DE-SACS** are plowed differently due to the inability for most plows to turn around in the small area. Plows remove snow from the far left and push it to the right. The plow will then back up and again push the snow over to the right side of the road. **Remember to park on the left side of the cul-de-sac to prevent your vehicle from being covered with snow.**
4. **VEHICLE PARKING.** Remember San Bernardino County Code provides that *ANY VEHICLE INTERFERING WITH SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS WILL BE CITED WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$250.* San Bernardino County Code also *PROHIBITS PARKING ON STATE OR COUNTY ROADWAYS WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS. VEHICLES FOUND IN VIOLATION WILL BE TOWED AWAY.*
5. **FLAGGING VEHICLE ON ROADWAY.** If you live on a narrow road and the **ONLY** parking you have is along the street, **GET OFF THE ROAD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.** It will help if you are able to dig an area to get your car further back off the road – even half a width helps a lot. **FLAG YOUR**

VEHICLE using a broomstick, colored flag or any other device which would help snowplow drivers spot a snow-covered vehicle. This will help protect your vehicle from being hit by a plow. Flagging helps protect your vehicle, but you are still subject to citation should your vehicle prevent snow removal operations.

6. **CHILDREN.** A snow storm can be a delightful experience. However, caution your child not to slide down driveways onto streets. Hillsides and driveways are dangerous playgrounds and a child on a sled is no match for a vehicle on an icy road. Also keep children away from the snowplows as they are dangerous pieces of equipment.



7. **PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS.** Think about how to improve your property before the snow falls. Sprinkler systems, block walls and expensive shrubs are virtually invisible as the snow gets deeper. Snow-removal crews cannot always see what is near the roadway. Do you have additional space for visitor parking? If not, try to provide a space for your winter guests so they will not be subject to citations, towing and possible vehicle damage.

8. **KEEP A SNOW SHOVEL HANDY.** Not only for your home, but carry a spare in your car.
9. **GARBAGE CANS.** Think about your garbage cans during snow storms. If you put them too close to the roadway, the snowplows may have to go around them and leave your area unplowed. Do not put them too far back, as the garbage collector may not have good access to pick them up. It is a good idea to buy an extra container in case the collectors can't pick up on the regular pick-up day, due to road inaccessibility.
10. **CHAINS.** Don't wait for a storm to discover your chains don't fit your tires. Check them first, especially if you have bought new tires. **KEEP THE CHAINS IN YOUR CAR.**
11. **WEATHER FORECASTS.** Listen to local weather forecasts. If you know a storm is on the way, switch to snow tires before the snow arrives. Get a set of snow tires early in the year. Many people have an extra set of tires and wheels mounted so that they can quickly switch tires for short periods of time during a storm. Warn visitors ahead of time of possible chain requirements and of the parking restrictions.
12. **DRIVING TIME.** Allow additional driving time (45 to 60 minutes) during storm conditions. You may run into road closures, heavy fog, icy conditions or other situations which will delay you.
13. **BE COURTEOUS.** Stormy conditions can bring on short tempers and sometimes even panic. If you are in need of snow removal, call your nearest road yard. Snowplow drivers are assigned specific areas and cannot plow other areas unless directed by their supervisor. Remember, some snowplow drivers are not residents of your area and may not be familiar with situations peculiar to your neighborhood.

14. CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Is your home well-stocked with supplies for seven days? If not, you are not prepared to be a mountain resident. Always keep **extra food items** stored for emergencies. Canned goods, powdered milk, dry staple goods are all a necessity.
- ✓ Check your medicine cabinets. Do you have the **basic medicines** for an unexpected injury or illness? If you require weekly prescription refills, check with your doctor regarding shelf-life of your medications. If possible, order an extra two or three weeks supply.
- ✓ Do you have **battery-operated flashlights**, kerosene lamps, candles, battery-operated radios in case of power failures?
- ✓ Do you have **alternative heating sources**? If you have a fireplace, keep plenty of dry wood available. Check your fireplace for obstructions that may prevent free air flow. Fires and smoke damage can result from blocked chimneys.



- ✓ Keep **bottled water** (One gallon per person, per day) available for emergency use in case pipes freeze or water lines break.
- ✓ **Get to know your neighbors.** You may have to depend on them in case of emergencies.
- ✓ Keep a list of emergency phone numbers: utility companies, fire, law enforcement, hospitals and doctors.